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General

Cambodia is located in Southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand and Vietnam.

The climate is tropical. Monsoon season is from May to November. The dry season is from December to April with little seasonal temperature variation.

The terrain is mostly low. There are flat plains with mountains in the SW and N.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the riel, consisting of 100 sen.

Government

The government is a multiparty liberal democracy under a constitutional monarchy. It was established in September 1993.

The capital is Phnom Penh.

Holidays

In general, the only holidays celebrated are the Cambodian New Year, usually the 13th, 14th, and 15th of April.

The Buddhist Festival of the Dead, is for 2 days near the end of September. Independence Day is celebrated in November.

Industries

The main industries are rice milling, fishing, wood and wood products, rubber, cement, and gem mining.

Languages

The official language of Cambodia is Khmer. French is also spoken.

Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all ocean-going vessels entering Cambodian waters.

Regulations

Special regulations exist for the approach and entry of foreign vessels into Cambodian waters.

In general, only those vessels with specific and prearranged permission should attempt to approach this coast.

Cambodian authorities board all vessels on arrival and the Quarantine flag is to be flown even if coming from another Cambodian port. In case of suspected disease onboard, contact the local authorities by radio before arrival.

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Deratting exemption certificates are recommended to be onboard before arrival.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 27 EO Street 240, Phnom Penh

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